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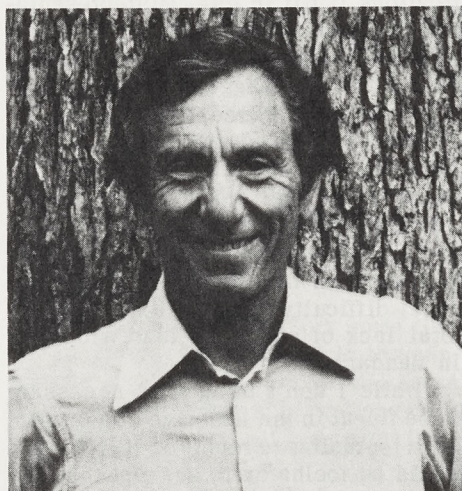
Hotchner, Bushinsky Will Talk Shop

Boswell or Freud, A. E. Hotchner has made a career of writing autobiographies (sic) of the famous. Among them are Doris Day, Papa Hemingway (which OPC Board member *Mary Hemingway* prefers to forget), and now Sophia Loren.

While Sophia has made all the headlines and guest appearances, "Shop Talk" sachems *Larry Stessin* and *Gloria Zukerman* felt that "Hotch" — as he is known to his friends — should get equal time. Equal time will be provided on April 24, 5:30 PM in the first floor cocktail lounge of our new home, the Chemists' Club at 52 East 41st Street.

As the first biographer to get star billing, Hotchner has become the father confessor for celebrities that want to tell all. His current works are told in the first person without the usual "as told to" caveat on the cover. "I'm against the charade involved," veteran journalist-playwright-author Hotchner tells a visitor. "The whole business of whether it's a first-person or third-person narrative is the same as with a novel; the one who writes it is the writer."

— Charles Schreiber



A. E. Hotchner (photo by Ursula Hotchner)

Two More Jazz Nights On Tap

Some like it hot.

So two more Jazz Nites are scheduled at OPC's Biltmore Hotel location by *Wilma Dobie*, our jazz impresario extraordinaire — Benny Waters, the legendary tenor saxophonist from Paris April 20, and trumpeter Hank Doughty and his "Pioneers of Jazz" big band May 18. Both events will start at 5:30 p.m. in our regular Twilight Jazz series. There is a \$3 admission at the Waters evening, and both events will have a cash bar.

Benny Waters is one of the great all-time pros of jazz in Paris, where he has headquartered since 1952. This year he will bring "April in Paris" to the OPC, accompanied by Bill Jones on piano; Tommy Benford, drums, and Johnny Williams, bass.

French writers have frequently cited him as "le plus grand" resident American jazz artist in the City of Light (it used to be light, before air pollution). However, Benny has not confined himself to appearances in

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Jay Bushinsky, foreign correspondent in Israel for *The Chicago Sun-Times* and Tel Aviv bureau chief for Westinghouse Broadcasting Company Group W stations, will be a special "Shop Talk" speaker Wed., April 25, at the Biltmore, beginning at 5:30 p.m. His subject is "The Middle East Enters a New Era."

He will appear at the OPC before returning to his Middle East post from a week in the U.S. covering the inaugural flight of El Al Israel Airlines to Chicago, a new gateway city recently awarded by the U.S. government.

Bushinsky went to Israel for *The Chicago Daily News* in 1966 and has been bureau chief for Westinghouse Group W since 1967. He covered both the 1967 and 1973 Arab-Israeli wars and was chairman of the Foreign Press Association in Israel from 1968 to 1971.

He recently returned from the Soviet Union, where he traveled to the Transcaucasian Republic, and previously completed an assignment in Iran where he covered the overthrow of the Shah and the Moslem revolution.

His radio program, "Mideast Diary," is familiar to New York City area listeners over WINS, where he broadcasts three times a day direct from Tel Aviv. It also is carried on other Group W stations throughout the country.

Bushinsky has been an OPC member since 1968. His Club appearance was arranged by "Shop Talk" chairpersons *Gloria Zukerman* and *Larry Stessin*, with the assistance of OPC President *Henry Gellermann*. Bushinsky will be staying in New York at the Club's new residence facilities in the Chemists' Club on East 41st Street.

GOOD PADDY BASH

The parties at the OPC are getting better and better. First, there was the Christmas bash, which will be long remembered. Then there was the St. Valentine's party, which was no slouch either. This was followed by St. Patrick's Day, which was celebrated at the Club early on March 15. There was quite a friendly crowd that gathered early and it kept going for quite awhile.

There was entertainment galore. David McKay presided at the piano. He came to us via Columbia University Music Department and he did them proud. There was the usual sing-along which was fun.

The Irish tourist Board, represented by Joan Ennis, also helped make the evening a success. She distributed

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WITH US!

MORE JAZZ

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Paris, and over the years has performed in all European capitals and is a headliner at jazz festivals throughout the Continent, as well as in the U.S.

"Pioneers of Jazz," under Hank Doughty's leadership, plays the memorable arrangements of the big band immortals. Duke Chisholm will be featured on vocals and Ray Abrams, tenor and alto sax, is co-leader and arranger.

(First mail reaction to our move to the Chemists' Club is sampled from the following letters to the President - Editor.)

NEW YORK - Great!... what a splendid job you are doing. After the years of bondage, into the Promised Land!

-Robert Misch

LAUSANNE - Bravo! and many compliments to our President. It's a pleasure to share the fruits of your dynamic leadership and competent hand on the helm of the OPC... Without you and the other dedicated people, we probably would not have the chance of a bright future at the Chemists' Club.

-Louella Evans

BERLIN - Congratulations on the move to the Chemists' Club. At last we may be back to being a club again, and certainly we are lucky to be out of the Biltmore. I look forward to my visit on my next trip home.

-Stanley P. Silbey

HONG KONG - I have just read in the March 3 *Editor & Publisher* about the OPC move into the Chemists' Club. This sounds like a wonderful development, and I extend my congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of our Club. I will be looking forward to seeing the new premises when I return to New York.

-Al Kaff

NEW YORK - My good wishes and congratulations to you, the membership the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors for finding so handsome a home for the Overseas Press Club. I'm sure it will be all uphill from here; and shall soon stop in at the Chemists' Club to open my "charge account."

-Paul Foley

BLOOMFIELD - Just received the OPC Bulletin carrying the story about our move into the Chemists' Club. As one who virtually "lived" at the OPC for nearly a year, the decline at the Biltmore was most aggravating... Now that we have a respectable home again, OPC will again be my New York headquarters. Please extend my appreciation to all who worked on the move.

-Norman Fenichel

LETTERS

To the Editor:

If I were to respond to Fred Moritz' letter as a social scientist, I would have to suggest that he is being terribly defensive in his protest over my article on China-watching in Hong Kong (*Bulletin*, Jan. 15). Writing as a journalist, I must suggest Fred become more of a social scientist in his data processing.

When he writes that with "few exceptions" most American journalists read and speak Mandarin, he may be indulging not only in "juicy oversimplifications," but in total misrepresentations. While I spent some time at the Foreign Correspondents Club watering hole, I never staggered from the bar with distorted perceptions about the difference between reading and writing Mandarin. I barely had enough skill in Cantonese to get around by taxi, but I was acquainted with sufficient numbers of the journalist community to be aware that an overwhelming percentage had equal difficulty with Cantonese, and a total lack of ability to read and write in Mandarin.

While I don't think it is necessary to be fluent in the language of a country for a journalist to report on it, I think it would be foolhardy to suggest that one could be well informed about the machinations of such a complex society as the People's Republic of China without being able to read their bulletins, not only in Mandarin, but between the lines in Mandarin. It may be that there were so few experts in this capability that there was absolutely no awareness or advance knowledge of the United States - China recognition, nor of the Chinese invasion, until both events had occurred.

Finally, I think well-meaning people can disagree without being disagreeable, but I hope Fred will find the time to make a systematic survey among the American journalist community, and discover in point of fact the degree of fluency with Mandarin represented in Hong Kong.

- Dr. Henry A. Singer

CORRECTION

Because of deadline editing, the awards dinner story in our March 15 issue failed to state that Robert Sheridan is dinner chairman. Lowell Thomas is honorary chairman. Bob also is chairman of the Awards Committee. Gen. Alexander Haig will be principal speaker at the black-tie event, to be held Thursday, May 24, at the Waldorf. More program details in our next issue.

NEW APPLICATIONS

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Pamela Hill, ABC TV, Producer, Documentaries
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Abby Jane Brody, Celanese Corp., Manager, External Communications

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NCR Attacks News Coverage

Misinterpretations by the U.S. press of Pope John Paul's statements at Puebla, Mexico, are already aiding oppressive Latin American regimes, according to the *National Catholic Reporter*.

Managing editor Dawn Gibeau and Latin American affairs writer Penny Lernoux, writing from Puebla, Mexico, said that John Paul did not condemn liberation theology or ask priests to stay out of politics.

In the Feb. 16 issue of *NCR*, an independent lay Catholic newspaper, Gibeau and Lernoux denied the *New York Times* (Jan. 30) story that the Pope "rejected political involvement" or that he "spoke out flatly against the concept of liberation theology."

Stated the *NCR* writers: "The Pope did none of this; nor are his words being so interpreted in Puebla by conservatives, moderates or progressives; not by liberation theologians or by the (bishops' meeting) staff."

Gibeau and Lernoux said the Pope urged priests to avoid only partisan politics that can impede their work. They report that John Paul warned against people taking too narrow a view of Christ when they depict him as a political figure, a revolutionary.

The *NCR* statement said that "distorted statements in the U.S. press already are being used by military regimes and conservative clergy in Latin America to attack the church committed to social justice and the poor - the very church the bishops at Puebla, with the Pope's encouragement, are constructing."

Gibeau and Lernoux said that the Brazilian government appears to be using the U.S. press statements to campaign against deprived people.

FROM THE CLUBS

RABAT — The recent unexpected visit of the Shah of Iran on "vacation" packed the hotels in Marrakesh with newshands — most stayed in the high-priced Ma'mounia because that's where the Iranians were staying — but packed up and left shortly after it became evident that the Shah didn't intend to make news. Anyway, the quick drift of things back home made him less and less important.

Visiting hands seen on the scene: Marvine Howe (NYT), Pierre Salinger (L'Express), Martin Fletcher (NBC), Arnaud de Borchegrave (Newsweek) and many, many others. Even the snake charmers in Maïnaa' El Fnaa' and the good food at Mlle. Sebillon's Maison Arabe were not enough to keep the crowd around.

Last time such a mob trooped in was for the stopover of President Sadat for the Camp David visit. Beyond a heated exchange between the local Palestine News Agency (WAFA) man and some Israeli newshands following Sadat, the visit was without incident. Unfortunately, outside of the occasional visit of the odd president or monarch, Morocco no longer attracts the press coverage it enjoyed as recently as a decade ago, when there were about a dozen full fledged bureaus. Now only Stephen Hughes (Reuters), this town's senior veteran and expert after two decades here, is the only fulltime English-language hand (Stephen strings for Time as well as Business International).

Last year UPI closed down its French-language service and its bureau here is pulling out Tim McGirk in January. The AP continues to cover North Africa through occasional visits by Michael Goldsmith, veteran North Africa hand based in Paris. The AFP's André Davy is near retirement. Louis Gravier covers for Le Monde.

— Michael B. Sullivan

ATHENS — Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of January 16, but I was out of the country. In addition to taking a cruise through the Red Sea, I made a tour through Canada, I once passed up a trip to the Arctic Circle in Finland during winter, so decided this trek to Canada might be a fair substitute. I ventured no further north than Edmonton and Quebec City. I can report that in those cities in winter, you do not ask about any chill factor, because 'normal' temperature is sufficiently cold and any chill factor is superfluous.

As far as news of the area, Phil Dopoulos, AP bureau chief, has been

spending most of his time in Tehran of late, having chalked up three months there. He reports that the most bothersome facet of covering the dramatic events in Iran is being "locked in" at night at the InterContinental Hotel. When they say curfew in Tehran they mean it.

—Constantine Soloyanis

SAO PAULO — I am staying out most of the winter in Sao Paulo and observing the birth pangs of the *Daily Latin American Post*. My son Steve Yolen is executive editor. Mauro Salles, owner of this new multi-national English-language newspaper, spoke at the OPC in New York last fall.

At this time, *The Post* has purchased *The Brazil Herald*, the only English-language newspaper in Brazil, which will become its Brazil edition. *The Post* plans to similarly create or absorb other such regional papers in Argentina, Chile, etc.

Bill Williamson, a director of *The Herald*, is a long-time OPC member, and will be associated with *The Post*, which is now slated to come out in March or April.

I'll be back in New York some time in late March. Keep a light in the window for me.

—Will Yolen

Up-and-coming

Friday, April 20, 5:30 p.m. — Jazz nite, featuring Benny Waters from Paris on the tenor sax, with Bill Jones, piano; Tommy Benford, drums; and Johnny Williams, bass. Admission \$3; at the Biltmore; cash bar.

Tuesday, April 24, 5:30 p.m. — "Shop Talk" with A. E. Hotchner, talking about his new biography of screen star Sophia Loren (he also wrote one about Hemingway.) Free admission; charge bar only; at the Chemists' Club.

Wednesday, April 25, 5:30 p.m. — "Shop Talk" with Jay Bushinsky, Israel correspondent for *Chicago Sun-Times* and Westinghouse Broadcasting, speaking on "The Middle East Enters a New Era." Free admission; cash bar; at the Biltmore.

Friday, May 18, 5:30 p.m. — Jazz nite, with trumpeter Hank Doughty and his "Pioneers of Jazz" big band of eighteen musicians, Ray Abrams, co-leader and arranger. Free to OPC members; seating on first-come basis; at the Biltmore; cash bar.

Thursday, May 24 — Annual awards dinner and OPC fortieth anniversary dinner (combined event), with Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr., NATO commander, as our principal speaker. Black tie; at the Waldorf Astoria. Details to be announced.

PADDY BASH

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shamrocks to all, and also provided some highly talented Irish dancers — "T.J." McSherry and his sister Tara — who danced beautifully, accompanied on the accordion by John Nolan. The gifts were good as usual, and many people won door prizes. According to Henry Gellermann, our president, who was there, we should continue these bashes. "They are great." Credit also should be given to the hard-working Hospitality Committee for the success of the evening, especially George Burns, who always comes through magnificently.

—Helen Lund

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Who, What, Where

By GRACE NAISMITH

NEW LOOK: **Ralph Leviton**, assistant director of corporate communications for Union Carbide Corp., has been elected president of the Chemical Communications Association. He has also been appointed to the Advisory Board of *Chemical and Engineering News*, weekly news magazine... **Ted Baron**, president of Ted Baron, Inc., and **Al O'Brien**, head of Al O'Brien Associates, have joined firms. Baron/O'Brien Communications have offices at 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 426... **Murray M. Weiss**, formerly editor-in-chief, *The International Herald Tribune* in Paris since 1966, is the new editor of *The Stamford Advocate* in Stamford Conn. and *The Greenwich Time*, recently acquired by *The Los Angeles Times*. Weiss is succeeded by Mort Rosenblum, bureau chief in Paris of The Associated Press... **Dewitt Davidson**, travel author and longtime OPC enthusiast, has moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. He will continue his travel writing from there - 13121 Glen Canyon Road, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111. His new home is "perched on the upper slopes of the foothills of the Sandia Mountains."

HONORS: **Lester J. Millman**, has been awarded an Honorable Mention in the magazine division of the 36th Annual Pictures-of-the-Year Competition sponsored by the University of Missouri School of Journalism and the National Press Photographers Association. The award was for a news picture of Prime Minister Begin addressing Vice-President Mondale at a Knesset dinner, and appeared in *Time* magazine July 1978... **M.D. Morris** has received an Award of Merit from the Society for Technical Communication for his planning, editing, and producing "Composite Construction," the first book published on the subject. The author, John P. Cook, shared the honor.

TRAVELING: **Lowell Thomas**, 87, and his wife, Frances, flew to Lake Tahoe in February to explore Harrah's gambling scene, according to *Today*, the Gannett Westchester paper... **Dorothy Ingling** wintered in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

BOOKS: The wife of the late **Cornelius Ryan**, Kathryn Morgan Ryan, has taken the tapes and notebooks in which Ryan had secretly recorded his 4½-year battle against cancer, and woven a poignant story of personal heroism, "A Private Battle." The book is condensed in the *March Reader's Digest*, where he was once a roving

editor... **Helen McCloy** has published her 28th book, "The Smoking Mirror," Dodd, Mead and Co. The story is based on some of her experiences in France when she was a Paris correspondent in the 30's for Universal Service and International Studio, both now defunct news and feature syndicates. Helen lives in Boston, Apt. 1701, 130 Bowdoin St... **Cindy Adams** has delivered her biography of Lee Strasberg to Doubleday. She continues her syndicated column and features for United Feature Service... **Helen Robison** is credited with three contributions in "The Ann Landers Encyclopedia A to Z." They were adapted from articles Helen wrote for *Mademoiselle* Magazine, where she was consulting editor. She says she's 80, but nobody believes her.

MAGAZINES: **Gary MacEoin** has the lead article in *The Progressive* on neofascism in Latin America. This winter he covered the Pope's visit in Mexico and the Latin American bishops' meeting for *Noticias Aliadas* (Lima), *The Progressive*, Religious News Service, *Doctrine and Life*, Dublin... **Bill Pepper's** *Sunday Times Magazine* cover story Feb. 18th on the operational basis and future of the Red Brigades in Italy was "one of the toughest assignments" he had had in a long, long time, and longest - 8,000 words... **Elmer Lower** had a comprehensive piece in the January *Television/Radio Age* on the ups and downs in Japanese television. Japanese householders own more than 26 million television sets.

REUNION: At the home of **Sigrid Schultz** in Westport March 4, attended by several OPC members including **Art Milton** and his wife, **Ed Cunningham** and others who braved the heaviest fog of the year to reach Sigrid's little house.

More than 50 years ago, Sigrid was appointed *Chicago Tribune's* correspondent-in-chief for Central Europe, and was once described by Quentin Reynolds as "Hitler's greatest enemy." Sigrid's illness kept her from a New York "Old Pro" night at the OPC, so friends took their tributes and their bottles to Westport.

CORRECTION: **Dan Kurzman's** book, "The Bravest Battle: The 28 Days of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising," is to be serialized, not condensed, in *Zeitmagazin*, not in *Der Zeit*.

SAD NEWS: **Paula LeCler Wood**, internationally known journalist, foreign correspondent, lecturer and teacher, died Feb. 22 in Melbourne, Fla. She and her late husband, the wellknown architect, Walter D. Wood, had lived in Melbourne since 1966. When covering the civil war in Spain in 1937, Paula spent 23 days in a medieval prison when she asked for a front-line interview with the Prime Minister. Her account of that experience appeared in the OPC book, "How I Got That Story," a shocking arrest by the Loyalists, "third-degreed in a locked room for 17 foodless hours..." Mrs. Wood had flown around the world, beginning with the zeppelin Hindenberg, and in China was acclaimed as the first woman to fly from New York to China by commercial airlines... **Nicholas Parrino**, a former OPC member, died in February in Dobbs Ferry. He was public relations director for City Service Oil Co., and a former picture editor of *Newsweek*.

LETTER: **Michael B. Sullivan** in Geneva says "you can take the temperature of things Middle Eastern in Geneva by taking a head count of the robed figures passing through Geneva airport on the way to the local banks."

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